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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. RE PARA 2, MOSCOW 8798, ARDIS PUBLISHERS SENT BOOK
ORDER TO MOSCOW MARCH 16 C/O CULTURAL COUNSELOR, BOX M
HELSINKI. ORDER WENT BY REGULAR MAIL, NOT AIRMAIL.

2. HERE IS A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM MARSHALL: "DEAR REBECCA
AND JACK: THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE MANY KINDNESSES DURING
OUR STAY LAST WEEK. I REALIZE HOW MUCH EFFORT AND
INCONVENIENCE IT MUST HAVE INVOLVED FOR YOU BOTH, AND I AM
GRATEFUL FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND PLEASURE IT AFFORDED ME
TO BE ABLE TO STAY WITH YOU. AS EVER, MARSHALL".

3. MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS. YOU ASKED ON APRIL 14 WHEN AND
WHERE SOVIETS PROPOSED JULY 7-13 DATES. QUESTION OF DATES
WAS DISCUSSED DURING VISIT OF NEMIOW TEAM TO MOSCOW IN
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FEBRUARY. IT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MINISTRY OF MERCHANT
MARINE AND AT THE AIRPORT. PALADITCH OF MORFLOT GAVE
NEMIOW TWO PERIODS DURING WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE
HELD AND NEMIOW BROUGHT THESE BACK TO BLACKWELL. THE FIRST
PERIOD WAS IN MAY AND BLACKWELL WAS ALREADY BOOKED SOLID FOR
ALL OF MAY, SO THAT WAS OUT. THE SECOND PERIOD WHICH
PALADITCH GAVE NEMIOW WAS JUNE 26-JULY 15. FROM THAT

PERIOD BLACKWELL PICKED JULY 7-13 AND WIRED AVERIN. NOW
WE ARE WAITING FOR AVERIN'S ANSWER.

4. FURTHER TO THE HELLER CASE (MOSCOW 7056 AND GREENBERG
LETTER TO SHOSTAL OF APRIL 5), WE HAVE HAD ADDITIONAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH EPA. THE PROJECT IS NOW WINDING ITS
WAY THROUGH EPA PROCESSING AND SHOULD EMERGE APPROVED IN
A WEEK OR TWO, AT WHICH TIME EPA WOULD CONFIRM HELLER'S
JULY TRAVEL AS SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIETS. IT WOULD BE
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE, TO TURN OFF THE
PROJECT OR ELIMINATE HELLER FROM PARTICIPATION WITHOUT HIS
DEDUCING A MOVE DIRECTED AT HIM PERSONALLY. WE STILL
BELIEVE IT BEST TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION OVER PAST ACTIONS
BECAUSE: IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT HE HIMSELF ACTUALLY MISUSED
THE POUCH; THE WASHINGTON FLYER HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN; OTHERS
HAVE MISUSED THE POUCH WITHOUT PUNISHMENT; AND HIS MOTIVES
AT LEAST WOULD ENJOY WIDE SYMPATHY HERE. WE WILL BRIEF
HELLER AND SEEK HIS EXPLICIT AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY GUIDE-
LINES--IF HE REFUSES THE WE MAY HAVE THE BASIS FOR ACTION
TO DENY HIS TRAVEL.

5. RE YOUR 9246 ON KAL INCIDENT, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY HAS
TAKEN EXACTLY CORRECT LINE ON HANDLING ISSUE OF
REPRESENTING KOREAN INTERESTS. MESSAGES YOU HAVE BEEN
RECEIVING WERE PUSHED BY THOSE WHO ADVOCATED TAKING HARD
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LINE, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TONE THESE DOWN BY
ARGUING THAT YOUR JUDGMENT IS BEST. VANCE

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